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### **Medical Services For Newborns**

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A newborn is not automatically eligible for any CP&P medical coverage.

### **Newborn Going into CP&P Placement**

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If a newborn will be going to a CP&P paid substitute living arrangement (i.e., resource home) the baby may be determined eligible for Code 60 Medicaid effective the date of birth.

### **Newborn Not Going into CP&P/Private Agency Placement**

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If a newborn will not be going to a CP&P/private agency substitute living arrangement, the parents' responsibility for the baby's medical expenses begins from the date of birth. A mother who is unable to meet the baby's hospital expenses should explore eligibility for medical services through community resources, including the CWA.

The CWA will provide Medicaid coverage for a newborn's hospital care if the mother is eligible for AFDC based upon the July 16, 1996 eligibility criteria. At birth the child may remain eligible for Medicaid Special, even if the mother is not.

The Local Office Manager can register a newborn for Code 65 medical services if a CP&P budget confirms that the mother or caregiver cannot afford to pay for the baby's hospital care, and the baby is not eligible for medical coverage through any community resources (including CWA). Prior to the baby's discharge, the mother's ability to meet the baby's medical needs and eligibility for medical services through community resources after discharge must be reevaluated to determine the need for continuing Code 65 medical coverage.

If after discharge the baby will not be eligible for Code 65 medical services per current CP&P policy, the baby's Code 65 medical coverage is terminated effective the date of his discharge.

If after discharge the baby remains eligible for Code 65 medical services, the Local Office Manager can continue to provide Code 65 medical services per current CP&P policy. See [CP&P-V-A-4-100](#), Code 65 Medical Services.

**Newborn Under the Supervision of a Private Social Service Agency Not Going into CP&P Placement**  
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If a newborn is under the supervision of a private social service agency, that agency or the child's parents assumes responsibility for all the baby's medical expenses effective the date of birth.